

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claim 25 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Claims 29-30 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 31-34 have been added as indicated above. It is respectfully submitted that no new subject matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1-30 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner states that restriction to one of the following is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-28, classified in Class 455, Subclass 456.1; or

Group II: Claims 29 and 30, classified in Class 455, Subclass 412.2.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, containing Claims 1-28, for examination on the merits. It is respectfully submitted that new Claims 31-34 fall within Group I, and examination of Claims 31-34 with Claims 1-28 is respectfully requested. Applicants also reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Farrell", written over the printed name.

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